

# Grays Harbor Conservation District

State Legislative District #19, 24, 35  
Congressional District #6

## Other Accomplishments



GHCD Chair Terry Willis discusses Conservation District needs with Gov. Christine Gregoire.



Other cost share components were funded that assist operators in proper nutrient application to distant or leased fields. Livestock Cost Share funds were used.

## 2008 Feature Accomplishment

### Grayland Cranberry Producers

#### *Resource Challenge*

This project continues to address the issue of surface water pollution from pesticides used on cranberry bogs. The Grayland Ditch, a watershed that drains runoff from surrounding hills and the cranberry bogs in the area has had the highest levels of three insecticides ever found in State waters and has a 303(d) listing.



Before project

#### *Project Summary and Results*

This is a multi-year project, and in 2008, six producers installed 6,529.5 linear feet of ditch cribbing and covers, protecting 12 tracts, or 22.27 acres of cranberry bogs. The installation of these practices brings the cranberry producers a few steps closer to the removal of the 303(d) listing placed on the Grayland Ditch by Dept. of Ecology. Within the next five years, 95% of the cranberry producers will have cribbing and covers installed on their bogs. Despite poor crops and poorer crop prices, these landowners are determined to correct the identified problems on the bogs. We applaud their resolve and will continue to provide cost share funding when it is available to help defray the expense of installing these necessary components.



After Completion

#### *Key Project Partners*

Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Grays Harbor Conservation District  
Cooperators

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## More Work To Do

#### *Water Resources*

- Identified fish passage barriers that need to be addressed.
- North River Watershed hasn't been assessed.

#### *Forestland*

- 212,000 privately-owned acres
- Forest management plans need to be completed.

#### *Cropland*

- Total 22,649 acres are in active agricultural with 99% of smaller agricultural producers having no conservation plans.